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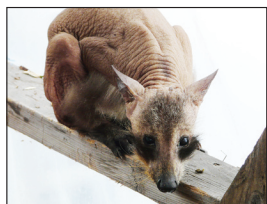
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An Algonquin Highlands firefighter combs through rubble of a fire on Little Hawk Lake Road on the morning of April 7. The entire building was destroyed.

Fire marshal investigating weekend blaze

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Ontario fire marshal's office is investigating a fire that destroyed a home on Little Hawk Lake Road on the morning of April 7.

"It's an undetermined cause at this stage and some of the circumstances made it appropriate to call the fire marshal in to investigate the cause," Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg told the paper, adding that the flames had spread rapidly. "It was through the roof, I think, before we even got the call."

Firefighters from the township's Stanhope and Dorset stations responded to the call around 9:30 a.m. and were on site for about four hours.

"There were a couple of heavier burn patterns around the utility room," Hogg said.

No one was home at the time and the chief suspects there is at least \$200,000 worth of damage.

The fire marshal has already visited the site but it's not known how long it will take to receive the results of the investigation.

Another blaze, started by an out-of-control bonfire, destroyed a Boshkung Lake Road home on April 2 and Hogg is reminding the public to exercise extreme caution if burning.

"It's high risk . . . it hasn't greened up yet," he said, adding the department had responded to a grass fire on Sunday.

In Algonquin Highlands, daytime burning is prohibited between April 1 and Oct. 31.

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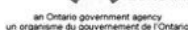
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Angelica Blenich Staff

Correction

One of last week's letters, Such a pity, was by Eddie Burke. His name was accidentally left off.



Gizmo the hairless raccoon was given shelter from the winter-like conditions when Maple Lake resident Carol Keel put a call in to the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in early March. Gizmo, who has experts stumped about why she has no fur, was named after the main character from the 1980s movie *Gremlins*. /Photo submitted by Carol Keel

Hairless wonder discovered in shed

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When retiree Carol Keel of Maple Lake saw it in her wood shed, she didn't know what it was.

"I'd never seen anything like it. At first I didn't even realize it was a raccoon. It looked like [a cross] between a raccoon and a rabbit because it had such long ears," she said.

It was 2:30 in the afternoon the second week of March when she first saw the raccoon without any fur with her dog, Nikita.

"I came home and my dog ran in and I heard this growling and hissing. Well, I couldn't believe my eyes," she said, adding the growling came from the raccoon.

Nikita was just curious, sniffing at the animal.

Keel pulled her dog away, uncertain about rabies or other contagious illnesses.

She kept her distance, but left food for it and discovered it liked toast and fried bacon.

The menu worked and the hairless creature returned every day for three days at 2:30 p.m.

"I fed it every day and phoned Aspen Valley [Wildlife Sanctuary]," she said, adding fruit, pears in particular,

were its favourite.

It was named Gizmo (sister Pat Marshall's suggestion) for its likeness to the main character of the 1980s movie *Gremlins*.

She wouldn't have thought of a name, but the Ministry of Natural Resources paperwork completed for the transfer of the animal to the sanctuary demanded one.

Gizmo has become somewhat of a celebrity appearing in a Muskokan newspaper and on a Barrie television station.

Located in Lake Rosseau, more than an hour's drive away, the Aspen Valley staff picked up the denuded mammal, braving a spring storm. They have since ruled out parasites that cause mange, as there are no scabs on the animal's skin.

A couple of years ago, Toronto had its own hairless wonder and experts at the University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College suggested an autoimmune disease or a genetic mutation.

Aspen Valley has confirmed the raccoon is female and one year old.

Keel was first concerned for Gizmo because of the winter-like temperatures in the area at the time. Her concern is born from a lifetime love for animals. She hopes there

aren't any others like Gizmo, who will be susceptible to the cold without a coat of fur.

"Since this has happened, I've been looking to see if it had any brothers or sisters or a mother because it was quite small, but I haven't seen anything. I have no idea. I tried to follow its steps in the snow to see which direction it was coming from, but I couldn't find that," she said.

She has since been in regular contact with the wildlife sanctuary, which has been investigating whether there is medicine to help it grow fur or if it can survive without fur.

Although she doesn't have any qualms about it returning, she wishes the animal could be relocated away from major highways like the one by her house.

The wildlife sanctuary said it is common practice to release animals in the area they are used to, but this isn't the best idea, as Keel lives near Highway 118 and has seen her share of road kill.

"I would not want to see that," she said. "I've seen so many things killed. One year I had eight deer killed in my area. That's all I saw was the mark on the highway with the blood and everything. I don't like stuff like that. I wouldn't want anything to happen to the thing when it's been such an exciting part."

Many alternatives to growing invasive plants

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

They are like an unwelcome dinner party guest. Invasive plants are spreading throughout Ontario and no one is exempt from the possibility of having them grow in their yard.

Rachel Gagnon is the co-ordinator of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council and an expert in the field.

She was on hand at the Minden Community Centre April 3 to address the topic of invasive species and suitable options for your garden or lawn at a meeting of the Minden and District Horticultural Society.

"Normally these talks are all doom and gloom and are focused on how terrible invasive plants are to control," said Gagnon.

Hoping to offer a more optimistic approach, Gagnon presented Grow Me Instead, a campaign on alternatives to invasive plants.

The presentation was based on literature the council recently released with the same title.

Made up of a group of government and non-government organizations, the council's purpose is to provide provincial leadership and expertise on issues relating to invasive plants.

The definition of an invasive plant is those introduced from another area that find an environmental niche and do not have a predator, said Gagnon.

"These plants get here through human and natural pathways," she said.

Those pathways include travel, seed mixtures, gardening and recreation, amongst others.

There are many effects associated with invasive plants including biodiversity loss, threatening to endanger species, economic consequences and health concerns.

The council's recent campaign offers alternatives to invasive species, such as the Norway Maple, which is a huge seller for nurseries, said Gagnon.

The deciduous tree is potentially invasive and can be replaced by any native maple, which is "beautiful just like the Norway maple," said Gagnon.

Another invasive plant is the Japanese and common barberry, where a shrubby cinguetfoil can take its place.

There are many other invasive plants, such as the orien-



Angelica Blenich Staff

Invasive plant expert Rachel Gagnon, right, speaks to Betty Mark, a member of the Minden and District Horticultural Society on April 3 at the Minden Community Centre.

Co-ordinator at the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Gagnon spoke to the society on alternatives to grow instead of invasive plants.

tal bittersweet, water hyacinth, yellow iris, garlic mustard and purple loosestrife, to name a few.

Alternatives include wintergreen, wild strawberry and dutchman's pipe.

There is no easy solution to removing an uninvited invasive species, said Gagnon.

Tarping plants can help get rid of them.

It is imperative when dealing with invasive species they are not put in the compost, Gagnon stressed.

"Put it in a garbage bag, let it sit in the sun for five days and really cook through and then toss it in with your garbage," she said.

If you spot invasive plants, Gagnon recommends reporting them through the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or through the websites www.invadingspecies.com or www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca.



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Cuts to CAP put burden on municipalities

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Cuts Industry Canada is making to the Community Access Program (CAP) will have effects for Haliburton County, although just what those will be is not yet clear.

CAP provides, among other services, free public Internet access at libraries and other buildings.

"There's two parts to the CAP, one is the Youth Initiative and that's how we're able to hire the young people that come in for four months and work contracts," said Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan, explaining this part of the funding is being maintained. "We will still be able to give three to five people work every year."

What is being cut is the electronics side of the program, but it remains unclear at this point what that will look like in the county.

"We just got the news last week and have not fully discussed the implications of the elimination of the funding," treasurer Laura Janke told the paper in an email, adding the first discussions about the cuts would likely take place at Wednesday's finance committee meeting.

Janke said before operational changes that may have to occur can be identified by staff, they must get reaction from councillors and members of the library board.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch is county council's liaison on the library board.

"The only other source of funding will be the municipalities and the county," Murdoch said, adding that the program is a valuable one. "Personally, when I'm in the libraries around the county, there's not a time I'm there when [the CAP computers] are not being used."

Noting that budgets at the lower- and upper-tier levels for 2012 have been

"pretty much signed, sealed and delivered," Murdoch said the funding cut was bound to evoke discussion.

"In order for the CAP to continue, it'll have to be at the municipalities' and county's expense and I don't even know at this stage in the game what that expense would be."

Sullivan said some juggling may be required, but she hopes to maintain free Internet access.

"I don't want to stop providing that service," she said, adding that an equipment replacement plan is something the library board has talked about implementing.

Weekend collision takes boy's life

➤ Three-year-old from Hamilton dies in hospital after the ATV a family member was driving crashed

Jenn Watt
Editor

A Hamilton, Ont., boy died Saturday following an ATV collision involving him and another member of his family.

Hunter Goemans, 3, was taken by paramedics to Haliburton Hospital on April 7 around 4:30 p.m. where he succumbed to his injuries.

Hunter was the passenger of a vehicle that ran into something on an unassumed portion of Lipseley Lake Road north of Haliburton, OPP spokesperson Constable Sandy Adams said in an email to the paper.

"It appears at this point it struck something that was suspended across the roadway on which they were travelling," she wrote.

No other vehicles were involved in the collision.

Police will now investigate the circumstances surrounding the death using specialized officers.

"Our TTI (Technical Traffic Collision Investigators) were at the scene until late last night [April 7]. They will gather evidence from the scene, the ATV, witnesses, etc., to reconstruct exactly what happened," Adams wrote.

An autopsy will also be done. The investigation will likely take days to carry out, she added.

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Maintaining access

RURAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS the country took a slap in the face from the federal government last week.

Municipalities received word that it will be terminating Industry Canada's Community Access Program, which provides free or low-cost Internet access at public buildings across the nation.

Among those buildings are the branches of the Haliburton County Public Library.

According to the CBC, Industry Canada has said the program has achieved its purpose and is therefore being terminated.

Really?

It certainly seems like the kind of program that should be ongoing, at least for struggling rural communities like Haliburton County.

While the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is implementing a project to increase the number of people in the area with access to high-speed, broadband Internet, some county residents will still be left without the capability.

And even when the capability is provided, there are still people who won't be able to afford it.

There are some people who can't afford computers.

It's not 1995.

The Internet is not some newfangled novelty. Nor is it a luxury.

It's 2012.

The Internet is a necessity. It should be considered infrastructure as much as

any road or bridge.

Not only is it a fast and efficient means of communication, it's a massive commercial venue.

It's a marketplace onto itself, allowing businesses to reach customer bases they never could have before it rose to prominence.

Business owners operating in the county without personal high-speed Internet use the public portals for business purposes.

Public computers also offer numerous job-searching methods for those who are unemployed.

They provide access to services and opportunities that would not otherwise be possible for some

county residents.

It should also be noted that the federal government itself has a whole whack of resources that it encourages people to access online.

The feds' failure to provide what should be considered an essential service in communities like ours puts the local government in a difficult position.

The county and its lower-tier municipalities have just passed their 2012 budgets, which, in some cases, were tight ones.

However, if it is going to be up to the local government to provide free Internet at the county's library branches, it should find a way.

Otherwise, Haliburton County will fall behind in a world where, in some ways, it is already struggling to keep up.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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letters to the editor

Clarification

To the Editor,

I have received feedback that the formula in my letter last week doesn't work. The problem is that the n, indicating the number of years, should have appeared as an exponent, not just a multiplier.

The phrase "to the nth power" or "(1+r) to the exponent n" might clarify the matter.

Also the yx key on your calculator referred to is actually the "y to the exponent x" key.

I hope this clears up the conundrum.

Glen Bonham
Minden

Rail Trail needs rules enforced

To the Editor,

The following letter was sent to Haliburton county councillors

We read in this week's newspapers that you voted to have the Rail Trail open to ATVs on May 14 this year. You may be interested to know that at 11 a.m. this morning (Friday, April 6) a group of ATVs cruised past our property on the trail, not bothering to stop or slow down at the stop sign at our driveway. We weren't able to see the entire group, so don't know how many were in it.

The point really is that you can choose whatever date you like, but if there is no enforcement, ATVs and other motorized users will use the trail whenever they like. This could even be as simple as putting huge

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Spam

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED about those wonderful, highly skilled people who spend their days creating computer spam for the rest of humanity to read and enjoy. My big question is what drives a person to do this? Who hurt them? Hey, it's not exactly the world's highest calling.

But lately it's been getting even worse. In fact, if the spam that I've been receiving is any indication, we have plummeted to brand new depths.

That's right; most of the spam I'm getting is now offering me \$5 discounts on oil changes, incredible bargains on car insurance and other equally obscene things.

Needless to say, I'm more than a little embarrassed by this. I mean what does this say about me? Worse still, what if other people in my family saw this?

The good news is that my spam filter intercepts most of this stuff before anyone else gets a chance to read it. Otherwise, people might get the wrong idea and think that I routinely visit the kind of websites that generate this sort of trash.

I assure you, I do not.

No, I am much more exciting than that. Honest.

I won't lie to you, however. I have visited the Mr. Lube website once or twice.

But that's only because I mistook it for a place as exciting as the name implied. Once I realized my mistake, I quit visiting and haven't been back. Ditto, for the Co-operators website, by the way. Trust me, I normally stay away from wholesome, informative sites like

these.

Yet, because of one or two errors in judgment I am now being dogged by spam email that continues to tempt me back to visiting such site – if only to redeem the coupons and get better rates. Oh, and to read the articles.

Did I join the Mr. Lube Club, you ask? Well, yes, but it was an accident. One click led to another and before you know it I was in.

Even so, I don't deserve to get that kind of useful spam. No one does.

Call me old-fashioned, but I long for an earlier time when the spam we received offered more innocent things like opportunities to enlarge various body parts. In those days, work as a secret shopper or



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

opportunities to help desperate Nigerian bankers move millions of dollars out of inactive accounts of fallen dictators were only a click away.

But, alas, I suspect those glory days are gone forever. Now we're getting far more hard-core and down to business – which explains the spams I now routinely receive from *Reader's Digest*.

Frankly, I'm not sure what to do about all this.

I suppose an online search of Nigerian bankers in need of help might be in order. On the surface, reinitiating contact seems like a good idea. But, truthfully, from the banker's perspective, it probably comes off as too good to be true. And only an idiot would believe an email like that.

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Blinded by the light

THE GOLDEN GLOW of Autumn, the folksinger Jonathan Byrd calls it. The world is subdued and calm. Jangled nerves are impossible on a perfect day in late September.

Not so much in the stark brilliance of April sunshine. The light reaches out, dazzles us, tries to yank our eyeballs out of their sockets.

Step out of the light and into a shadow and the seasons shift – March takes a curtain call to interrupt an interlude of June and we shudder just a little.

Then the shadow passes and the world shimmers again. After dowdy late winter, it is as though the sunshine is amplified under a cloudless bowl of perfect blue hanging over the yard at Sapsucker Ridge.

Late afternoon light skips across the ripples on a nearby pond's surface. Two otters bathed in sunset come over for a look, dive and bob upright and chuff and then dive and bob again. Back at you, barks The Brown Dog Jiggs.

It is near the end of a child's drawing of a perfect day, the overhead a wash called sky blue and the child called away before she can spoil it with tinkering. The only white overhead is a tiny

jet almost beyond seeing.

At high noon, Jiggs arises from a nap in the periwinkles, stunned by the light and the warmth. In town, old faces like mine are blasted by sunshine.

Through a storefront window is a scene so well-lit it might be a Hollywood sound stage, too brilliant to be real. Shoppers linger in the sunshine. Winter strides soften into April ambles.

The light seems magnified, as though it were bouncing off a rearview mirror into our squinting eyes, overpowering us with the good news of spring.

On a gloomier day – yesterday, for example – we might wallow in our worries about the seasons being out of joint but this sunshine in the early days of April leaves no room for wallowing in anything.

Patches of Sapsucker Ridge are paved with wild leeks, or ramps, as they call them in North Carolina and on Eglinton Avenue, where leek is too Canadian.

Brown-spotted leaves of trout lilies, tricked by March's heat wave, are

everywhere, but their yellow blossoms wait offstage. Not so the coltsfoot blooms, still a little clenched but very yellow.

A brace of spring beauties strut down a woods road. Here and there, a cradle of three dark green leaves poke through the leaf duff, each trio swaddling a precocious trillium bud in its embrace.

The daffodils in the yard at Sapsucker Ridge might as well be wildflowers, their bulbs buried years ago in

two patches and then left to fend for themselves. By the first weekend of April, the patch that always blooms first is already dressed in yellow.

Light is not easily verbalized or measured and so we write poetry and songs about other things, but light is as necessary to life as air. Pull down the shades for 12 months and our world will die, but we take sunshine for granted.

Energy harvested from light by chlorophyll is the first link in a food chain that eventually fills our stomachs. Light tells trees when to leaf out and flowers when to bloom, melts snow to fill

our lakes, sends songbirds north, heats soils to growing temperatures, warms hares and humans until we shed winter coats.

Daytime swells and then shrinks, the sun rides lower in the southern sky. Sunshine ebbs and flows through our seasons and we think so little of light and its meanings that we declare it to be noon when it is not noon, impose our will on a process that doesn't fit our schedule.

There is more light than can fit into an early April day and so it bleeds into midnight under a full moon on Sapsucker Ridge. At the top of the driveway, The Brown Dog sits in a perfect three-point sit, listening to the geese.

Light sets our moods on Sapsucker Ridge. In early April, we get full value from our sunshine, with no leaves to intercept it. The sky is a sky-blue canvas, waiting for the embroidery of leafed-out tree tops.

Crows circle and caw overhead. The grass is not yet greened by the spring, but The Brown Dog and I stretch out on it anyhow for a good snooze.

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There will be a power outage Sunday, April 15 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

letters

Rail Trail open to everyone, year round

from page 6

boulders at the most-used entrances to the trail to block the way. That wouldn't necessarily stop everyone, but it might go some way to bringing home the message. In the past, the ATV association has told us that they are helpless to enforce the rules before the season, as they can't go on the trail to do so.

Why not just say that anyone and everyone is welcome at any time of the year? It's what happens, and will continue to happen, if the rules you make aren't enforced.

Elaine Bell and Jack Bush
Adjacent landowners
Gelert Road

No good deed goes unpunished

To the Editor,

Pity the newspaper for the last year and a half that prints letter after letter of negative comments about the current council. Pity the same people who write in week after week seeking to drag down work that council is doing and what they have accomplished. Pity that someone would write about the cost of a "headhunter" without ever experiencing the work that was accomplished by using this service. What a great welcome to the new chief clerk when she arrives to pick up the paper and see right off the bat welcoming letters encouraging her to do a good job. Pity we couldn't wait to see if she can do the job before we beat her up. Pity nobody comments on the work this council is doing to balance the budget, or the fact that a new collective agreement was reached with the town employees without disruption, both sides working together for the good of Minden.

Pity that the job posting process did not provide qualified citizens to fill the jobs in question, but are these individuals really saying that qualified people were deliberately passed over to enjoy spending money on a headhunter. The whole process was open, accountable, scrutinized and certainly reported and still we see fit to beat up council again without ever seeing the results.

Pity no one is writing to the paper about the number of times this reeve and council members have helped at fundraisers, helping the various charities by digging in when needed. Pity nobody notices when they show up at all public functions with their own money to buy dinner tickets, raffle tickets, sponsor runners, make speeches and introductions on their own time. Pity nobody noticed that it was the hard work of this council working together to bring the snowmobile trail together this winter or that this same reeve can be seen many times showing prospective investors around Minden extolling the virtues of our community on her own nickel. Pity nobody noticed when she worked so hard to bring more medical care into our community. Pity nobody is writing about the fact that the funds have been raised for the pool survey.

Lastly, isn't it a pity that no one notices that this council seems to have come together and are making decisions together for the good of the taxpayers? Pity that the campaigning has started already for the next election by the same people week after week.

Annette Richardson
Minden

Power sports are here to stay

To the Editor,

As somebody who has been a cottager and now resides in this area, I write today in support of powersports.

Be it ATVs or snowmobiles, these modes of recreation bring in huge dollars to this area. Snowmobiling is an industry that is still growing and bringing in millions of dollars to this area annually.

Alongside the sleds, are the ATVs and their newer counterparts, the side-by-sides.

Riders spend hoards of money on hotels, gas, food, repairs, and other incidentals.

The last time I looked, Haliburton County was quite poor and in no position to deter tourism dollars. So what's happening in Haliburton?

Our neighbours in the Kawarthas have no issue with allowing ATV traffic on the rail line beginning May 1, so why the huge issue in Haliburton? Do you not want the money to flow into the area? It is confusing the ATV riders when one section is open on May 1, and another does not open until much later.

It seems those making the decisions in Haliburton do not want the economic benefit ATV traffic brings. Having said that, the move to open the Haliburton section of the trail on May 14

is a step in the right direction.

Get used to powersports, people. We all love this area and want it to flourish. That is what it seems Minden had in mind when it started working with the snowmobile club (HCSA), residents of Minden, and local business owners to improve area trails. The signage is improved, the quality of trails has improved and promise to deliver even more opportunities when the section of trail over to Orillia opens again.

We should be welcoming powersports enthusiasts, not trying to drive them away with crazy rules, weird bylaws or inconsistent trail opening dates. Go look at the town parking lots and it takes little time to see where the inflow of money is coming from. In the winter, scads of sleds fill the area, and in the summer months and shoulder seasons the ATVs also are coming in droves.

I, too, enjoy walking, hiking and snowshoeing and I can say that the Rail Trail is my last thought when it comes to these other sports. Why? Not because of ATVs or sleds, but because the Rail Trail is quite mundane for these pursuits. The Rail Trail is, however, a major power sports link and needs to be viewed as such.

Sandor Toth
Algonquin Highlands

Public sector employees earn every penny

To the Editor,

Re: editorial, April 4, "Oh, doctor"

As I write this, it is 1:54 a.m., six hours and 54 minutes into my 12-hour night shift as an RN (read: public sector employee) in the local emergency department.

I am just now having my first break of the night, my first opportunity to breathe and take a moment to myself.

I have just finished reading your blatantly ignorant editorial, and let me tell you, "oh, Mr. Ingram" have you ever "raised the ire." I use the term blatantly ignorant because your opinion lacks true understanding of the Ontario budget's public-sector salary freeze.

I ask you to stop and understand these public sector employees you have mentioned – the teachers, police officers, physicians, those with the "entrenched culture of entitlement" – are also the ones you as a member of the community rely on.

You rely on us collectively to educate and nurture your children, to protect your neighbourhood, to solve your minor aches and pains, and to potentially save your life.

In the hospital setting, we face an unpredictable and ever-changing environment: the emotional anguish of the loss of a

life that wasn't meant to be saved, the cries of a child or the elderly that need a hand to hold during a frightening procedure.

When I became a nurse, it was a well thought out decision. I knew I loved helping people and this was the only career I would likely get fulfillment from. Money was not the determining factor, however, as a health-care professional, one who sacrifices holidays and family time for my career, I believe I deserve every penny I make.

You state that the average yearly income for a physician is \$240,000. The group of physicians I work with definitely earn their salaries. They practise family medicine, ensuring day-to-day health care for all, whether as a family doctor or as a doctor at the walk-in clinic. They also have patients at the hospital where they do rounds *every* morning. And let's not forget they have a commitment to ensuring around-the-clock coverage in our emergency department. I believe they deserve every penny they make, too.

You finished your article by basically challenging doctors, and other public employees, to "make a small sacrifice for the health of the province." Well guess what, Mr. Ingram, we already do.

Christina Johnson, RN
Haliburton

Thank you Highland Storm Peewee AEs

To the Editor,

I would like to publicly thank the Highland Storm Peewee AEs for the fantastic season they had this past year.

My congrats to Josh Bellefleur, Trevor Turner, Matt Manning, Jon Morrison, Alex Petrie, Jacob Haedicke, Alec Stoughton, Jesse Sisson, Carter O'Neil, Ben Schmidt, Aiden Garbutt, Alex Wilbee, Mitch Billings and Ryan Prentice for many games of enjoyment for me and my family.

Congrats to coaches Bob Schmidt and Jon Petrie. You guys took these boys and made them a team. You have proved to me there are still coaches out there that don't have to yell and scream at their team to teach them the skills and get them to play as a team. To trainers Jason Billings and Tom Prentice, you both worked on all their bumps and bruises and did a great job looking after them. And last but not least to manager Dana Manning, you were great with your organizational skills and

keeping things straight. Also a great job at the Silverstick tournament fundraising for the team.

Thanks also to all the moms and dads out there who spent many hours over the winter at the arena and made me feel like part of their family.

This team had a great regular season in the Muskoka-Parry Sound league, won the tournament in Campbellford and Huntsville and were finalists in their own Silverstick Tournament and finally to become the OMHA all-Ontario finalists in the playoffs.

I was very proud of these boys at that last game on March 30. They showed great respect for the Ayr team. It was with pride that I watched the Highland Storm team skate around the ice with their silver cup. You all are *champions* in my eyes.

Diane Peacock
Minden

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The Township has received an unusually large number of returned interim tax notices due to incorrect mailing addresses. Tax notices were mailed on February 24, 2012, with installment due dates of March 23 and May 18, 2012. If you have not received your notice in time to meet the first installment deadline, please contact the Township Office at 705-286-1260.

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 7 (SPINK/BONIS) File No. 0ZA/RZ-11-01(P)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 7 on the 29th day of March, 2012, by By-law 12-30, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Location of Subject Lands

The adopted Official Plan amendment applies to 0.4 hectares of land located in part of Lot 3, Concession 5 in the geographic Township of Minden. The lands are located on Mountain Lake, and are accessed by way of Bonis Lane, a private right-of-way.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The subject property is currently designated Waterfront in the Official Plan and zoned Shoreline Residential in Zoning By-law No. 06-10 of the Township of Minden Hills.

The purpose of the amendment, as adopted, is to amend Schedule 'A5' of the Official Plan, redesignating the subject property as a Waterfront Special Provision designation to recognize two existing single detached dwellings on one single property, notwithstanding Section 6.2.6.1 of the Official Plan.

The property has also been rezoned to the Shoreline Residential Exception Forty-Four (SR-44) Zone to reflect the Waterfront Special Provision designation.

Additional Application

The applicants also filed a Zoning By-law Amendment application concurrently with the Official Plan Amendment application.

Approva Authority

The County of Haliburton is the approval authority for Official Plan Amendment NO. 7. Any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the decision of the County of Haliburton if a written request to be notified of the decision is submitted to:

County of Haliburton
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Information

Additional information relating to the proposed applications is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: April 11, 2012
(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 12, 2012	9:00 a.m. COTW/General Committee Meeting (10:00 public session) Council Chambers
April 17, 2012	5:00 p.m. Cemetery Board Meeting (Room #3, Community Centre)
April 17, 2012	7:00 p.m. Events Committee Meeting
April 19, 2012	10:00 a.m. Cultural Centre Committee Meeting (common room)
April 26, 2012	9:00 a.m. Council Meeting (10:00 public session) Council Chambers
April 30, 2012	9:30 a.m. Committee of Adjustment (Council Chambers)



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Request for Quotations to Supply each of the following (separate bids please):

1. Ice Rink Board & Door Reconfiguration
- Ref # 2012-CSD-002
2. Moveable Wall replacement - Ref # 2012-CSD-003
3. Landscaping services, Minden Cemetery (Columbaria) - Ref # 2012-CSD-006
4. Landscaping services, Twelve Mile Cemetery (Columbaria)
- Ref # 2012-CSD-007

Deadline for response for items 1 to 3 above,
April 13th, 2012 at 12:00 noon.
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Minden Hills Municipal Office

To request full specifications for any of the above,
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NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE FEES & CHARGES BY-LAW AT THEIR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN :

SCHEDULE I: Environment - Water, Sewer & Landfill
\$10.00 - Mattresses (housekeeping)

SCHEDULE F: Planning Fees Severance Applications
(Planning Department Fees) adding cost deposit to be filed for planning consultant services

SCHEDULE J: Advertising VARIOUS SCHEDULES: Programming / Recreational Fees Severance Applications (Planning Department Fees) adding cost deposit to be filed for planning consultant services

2012 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

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The cougar question resurfaces

Steve Galea
Special to the *Times*

Cougars roam Ontario's landscape. That's the conclusion Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) senior research scientist Rick Rosatte reached in a recent article written for *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, published in March.

Starting in 2006, Rosatte and a network of 89 MNR biologists and wildlife technicians gathered and evaluated cougar reports submitted to MNR offices from 1991 to 2010. After all was said and done, they came out with 497 credible pieces of evidence to support the belief that cougars exist in the province. Of that, 295 pieces were gathered in the region defined as southeastern Ontario, an area that includes Haliburton County.

That evidence was divided into Class 1, 2 and 3 categories.

The first consists of 21 confirmed pieces of cougar scat, hair, DNA, tracks or photographs. This is supported by 13 pieces of Class 2 evidence, defined as sightings by qualified observers such as MNR biologists.

Add to that sightings by unqualified individuals, those cougar reports we all hear repeated by friends and acquaintances every now and again across the county. There were literally thousands of these, but Rosatte and researchers felt only 463 were credible – and these were categorized as Class 3 evidence. In many cases, the people reporting were interviewed by Rosatte before being deemed credible.

Rosatte and company also placed trail cameras across the province, where cougar sightings had been reported.



Look at these things in the wrong light and wrong angle and misidentification is possible.

— Rick Rosatte

He and his team eventually examined 154,736 photos taken in more than 17,000 camera nights between April 2008 and December 2010.

Interestingly, these did not yield a single definitive photo of a cougar, although one infrared image was deemed “morphologically similar.”

Despite this, Rosatte feels that the Class 1 and 2 evidence is enough to confirm their existence in the province. The southeastern zone, of which we are part, yielded eight pieces of Class 1 and nine pieces of Class 2 evidence between 1991 to 2010.

When it comes to Class 3 evidence, the report acknowledges that though deemed credible, and though those reporting it truly believe they saw a cougar, much of it could still be attributed to misidentification. Fishers, small bear cubs, lynx and bobcats were all cited as animals that have been misidentified as cougars by witnesses.

“Look at these things in the wrong light and wrong angle and misidentification is possible,” he said.

The southeastern zone provided 278 of the 463 Class 3 sightings. Rosatte suggests that the higher proportion of southern sightings are probably a result of more people and roads in these areas than in regions further north. He also notes that high numbers of sighting in an area do not necessarily mean high cougar numbers as these animals tend to be solitary and cover a lot of ground. Interestingly, he noted that after media stories on cougars, reported cougar sightings would often increase.

When asked about local cougars, Minden MNR area biologist Gerry Moraal said that, “We are still getting the odd report but nothing is verified around here.”

Rosatte's study answered whether cougars exist in the province, but the question regarding their origins still remains unknown. The report speculates that any cougar in Ontario could either be wild or a formerly captive animal. (It is estimated that several hundred cougars are kept as pets or zoo exhibits in the province.)

Wild cougars, Rosatte theorizes, could be migrants from other areas or remnants of a previously thought extirpated native population. He also says the evidence could come from released or escaped captive animals, their offspring or a genetic mix of wild and captive animals.

Furthermore, the article suggests that southern cougars are more likely from captive stock and northern animals more likely western immigrants.

Cougars were considered extirpated from eastern North America in the 1940s. They were classified as an endangered species in Ontario in 2010 due to increased evidence of their existence.



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AH passes 'good news' budget

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands council approved what municipal treasurer Tammy McKelvey referred to as a "good news budget" at their April 5 meeting.

The 2012 budget saw \$8,011,962 in expenditures for the township, with the largest expense coming from transportation at \$2,339,440.

Total revenues equaled \$4,397,151, with the airport generating the most income at \$1,531,510.

The bulk of the airport's revenue is made up of money coming from the Build Canada fund, with other sources coming from fuel sales and rental fees, said McKelvey.

The total amount to be levied through taxes equaled \$3,614,811, translating to about \$636 per \$100,000 of assessment.

The total residential tax rate is going down by 4.8 per cent, McKelvey told the paper.

Council agreed to post highlights from the budget on the township's webpage.

Clear Lake residents seek council's help in dealing with MNR

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

They're concerned about losing control over shoreline and road allowances.

That was the message delivered by members of the Clear Lake Cottagers Association at the April 5 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Robert Lee made a delegation on behalf of the association, expressing its concerns over the Ministry of Natural Resources wanting to impose new restrictions on the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve.

"Clear Lake is an area that is near and dear to our hearts," said Lee, treasurer of the association.

Lee told council that landowners had originally agreed to it being classified as a conservation reserve in an effort to protect the lakes.

Officially designated a reserve in 1997 by the MNR, Lee said there were concerns at the time because reserves traditionally don't have private landowners on them.

"When it became a reserve we were promised certain things . . . transferring the control of land and shoreline allowances changes everything for us," said Lee.

The landowner explained to council that by losing access to these points cottagers would become both land and lake locked, unable to reach their properties.

"We want council to understand that," he said.

At this point the association's biggest concern is its control in the future.

Lee proposed to councillors they not give up control of the shoreline allowances, thus helping the landowners.

"I'm here to ask for your help in this situation," Lee said.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was the first to speak up, saying she agreed that council should not give up control of the road and shoreline allowances.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she had spoken to the MNR and staff had been working diligently on the matter.

"We do intend to seek further consultation with the MNR," Moffatt said.

Council would not be making any decisions on the matter until that consultation had taken place, said the reeve.

One area of concern for Moffatt included what township control of the allowances could entail.

"It could become a network of trails for ATVs, that goes against the whole purpose of the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve," she said.

While Danielsen was in favour of council making an official statement regarding the allowances other members of council felt it was too early to take such a step.

Township clerk and planning administrator Dawn Newhook said staff had met with the MNR very recently to discuss retaining control of the allowances.

"We need to have very strong reasoning for keeping control," said Newhook.

Council agreed it would pursue further conversation with the MNR prior to April 25, the deadline for submitting comments on the proposed restrictions.

"It's the interest of our folks we need to look out for," said Moffatt.

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Virtual artists' marketplace launches

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Like proud parents, Don and Marie Gage beamed with pride during the official launch of their online gallery and marketplace website www.made-in-haliburton.ca, at the Art Hive on Saturday, April 7.

They spoke, standing in front of a laptop showing the website home page. The website's logo was used in signage in front of a small collection of work made by artists available through the site. This showcase will be at the Art Hive, which is open Friday to Sunday, until April 22.

The website's co-founding pair was appreciative of everyone who had a hand in bringing their dream to reality.

Marie Gage said the sentiment "it takes a community to raise a child" resonated with her when thinking of the launch. However,

in this case, "It's taken a community to raise a website," she said.

Thanks was extended to the Art Hive, which has been hands-on with its help, from staging the launch and the accompanying selection of work, and the partnership with the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, who got funding from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Cultural Strategic Investment Fund.

Arts Council chairperson Chris Lynd said their involvement adhered perfectly to the ministry's mandate for economic development and to promote and advocate for artists.

As of this past Thursday, the site has 40 artists signed up with six artist applications still needing to be processed. There are 312 pieces on the site now and more are expected later.

Artists, which includes visual, performing, authors and musicians, are chosen by



Darren Lum Staff

The made-in-haliburton.ca website had its official launch at the Art Hive on Saturday, April 7. Some of the associated work will be on display until April 22.

a jury made up of the committee of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

Marie said the site, which technically hit the virtual highway on March 7, will give area artists greater stability with year-round sales and promotion.

It is organized into shop categories, allowing patrons to search for what they might want for the wall, table, floor, the body and what will stimulate the senses. The site will also have links to local organizations and offer ticket sales to various shows and concerts such as the Dave Gunning concert on April 19.

Thus far sales have been limited, but Don was happy to have made sales to people in Hong Kong and the United States.

The site also includes a newsletter for regular updates. New signups right now are added to a draw to win a Terry Adair sculpture.

Marie adds the site will be marketed through the traditional methods such as in print media, but will also incorporate the use of a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MadeInHaliburton) and a Twitter account.

She asks the community to support the website by "liking" it on Facebook and following it on Twitter.

Don said the site has received 1,500 hits, which is not a large number in terms of website traffic, but for the first few weeks "It's pretty darn good."



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Looking at the future of Heritage Day

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It's become too successful for its own good. Algonquin Highlands council discussed the future of the annual Stanhope Heritage Day during their meeting on April 5. A tradition in the township, Stanhope Heritage Day will enjoy its 10th celebration this summer and possibly its last. Typically held in July, the event has become a huge success during the past few years, outgrowing its current loca-

tion behind the township office. As a result, organizers are trying to figure out what to do next. "The venue is too small, there's issues with parking and washrooms," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, naming a few of the current logistical barriers facing organizers. Moffatt told council the Stanhope Museum committee was figuring out what step to take next. "Stanhope Heritage Day suffers from success," she said. Stanhope Heritage Day celebrates the history of the township, as demonstrators entertain adults and children with exhibits and displays.

Students fast for Congo water fundraiser with 30-hour Famine

Christina Shaw
Co-op student

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has hosted the annual 30-hour Famine for the past six years. In these years they have raised money for food, child safety and poverty reduction. 30-hour famine starts at 4 p.m. on April 23 and goes until April 24 at 10 p.m. This year, all the money raised is going to World Vision so it can bring clean water to Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa.

This event isn't just to support places outside of our community. The participants of the famine are going out at 4 p.m. on April 24 to collect food donations from the community. All the collections will be given to the 4Cs Food Bank. The community has played a huge supportive role in the food drive every year and the students hope this support will continue.

The 30-hour Famine will also be hosting a fun fair. This allows parents that have students in Stuart Baker Elementary School to have a night off. They just drop off their kids at 5:30 p.m. at the high school and pick them up at 7:30 p.m. Kids must be registered before April 20. There will be a lot of activities for the kids such as soccer, arts and crafts and more.

For the participants, the leaders of the famine are planning of events for them as well. There will be a movie in the theatre, games to play, a big talent show and much more. After 10 p.m. there will be a big supper for all the participants and leaders.



Students participate in last year's 30-hour Famine. /Photo by Darren Lum

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Site Reference: W2204 Miners Bay

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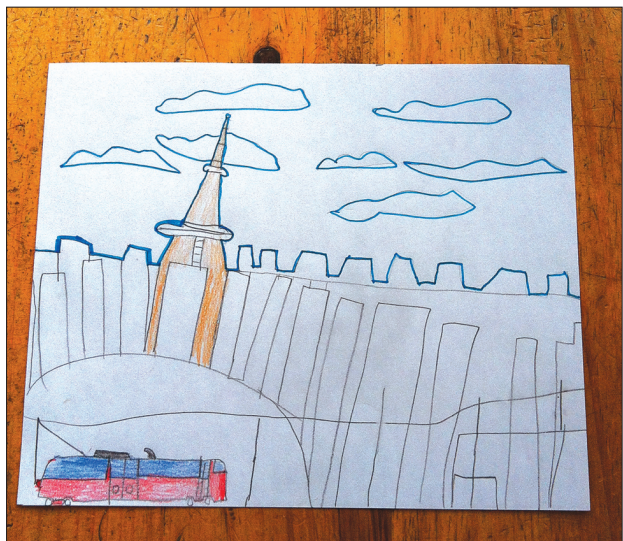
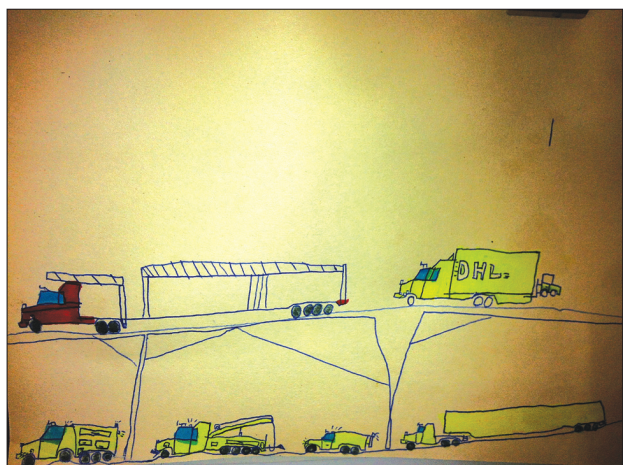
As a fun way to get kids involved with helping those with HIV/AIDS in Africa, the Stephen Lewis Foundation launched Dare to Draw.

Money raised in the fun competition went to providing support for grandmothers, women and orphans of those with the disease.

Peggy Cassils's grandkids Kalman and Ella took to the competition with gusto.

Here are some of the results.

Submitted by Peggy Cassils



Above, Kalman Cassils, 7, drew the Toronto skyline with the CN Tower and TTC streetcar (top) on "wildcard day." He chose this because he is into transportation and construction.

Left, one of the assignments was to draw yourself. Ella Cassils, 4, wanted big hair so she drew herself with big hair. Photos submitted by Peggy Cassils



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Reads of the week



Book of the Week:

The Juliet Stories by Carrie Snyder

Juliet Friesen is ten years old when her family moves to Nicaragua. It is 1984, the height of Nicaragua's post-revolutionary war, and the peace-activist Friesens have come to protest American involvement.

In the midst of this tumultuous time, Juliet's family lives outside of the boundaries of ordinary life but when Juliet's younger brother develops cancer, their adventure ends abruptly.

The Friesens return to Canada only to find that their lives beyond Nicaragua have become the real war zone. They drift from each other, and Juliet grows to adulthood, pulled between her desire to live a free life like the one she remembers in Nicaragua, and her desire to build a life more settled than her parents could provide. *The Juliet Stories*, a new novel by Waterloo, Ontario author Carrie Snyder, is being heralded as the next big thing in Canadian lit.

Reserve your copy today at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week: Picture Book Title

A Hen for Izzy Pippik by Aubrey Davis

When Shaina finds a hen with stunning emerald green feathers, she knows that Izzy Pippik, the hen's owner, is sure to be looking for her. In the meantime, Shaina decides she ought to care for the animal. But when dozens of eggs hatch

and unruly chickens scatter throughout the village, Shaina must battle the entire town if she has any hope of keeping the young birds safe. Inspired by Jewish and Islamic traditional texts, this is a beautiful tale about honesty, purpose and doing the right thing, even in the face of adversity.

You can reserve *A Hen for Izzy Pippik* at your library.

Local Celebrity Read:

Angus Sullivan, Grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, recently finished reading *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. *Gathering Blue* is the story of a young girl name Kira, growing up in a savage dystopian society where the physically flawed are shunned and discarded.

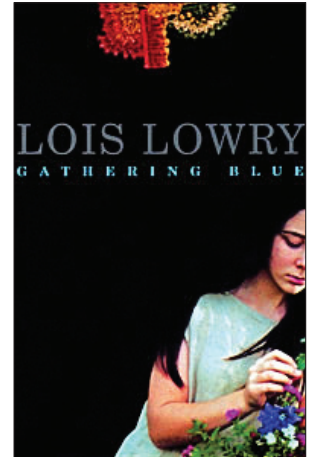
Kira is an orphan with a bleak and very uncertain future. Luckily, she has been blessed with longevity, perseverance and quest for truth that will allow her to discover things about her haunting world that will change her life forever.

Angus says, "what I really liked about this book was the writing and the main character. Kira had a lot of things happen to her, like the death of her mother, and she went

through it pretty admirably."

Angus is an avid reader and he reads widely. He discovered *Gathering Blue* after devouring one of Lowry's previous books. "I read another book by Lois Lowry called *The Giver* and I really liked that too," he says.

"I would recommend *Gathering Blue* to anybody," Sullivan concludes. "It is a book that could be read by both kids and adults. Everyone can appreciate and enjoy a story like this."



News & Events:

April is National Poetry Month so all branches of the Haliburton County Public Library will be featuring their poetry collections.

Stop by any branch and see if there are any poetry books that may spark your interest.

All featured books available at

Haliburton County Public Library

Hours extended for dropping off water-testing bottles

Putting your well water to the test is easier with the arrival of warmer weather.

Private well owners in Haliburton County who want to have their well water tested now have extended hours to drop off their samples at locations in Minden and Wilberforce. The drop-off location in Haliburton Village still remains open four days per week.

"If you live in a home that is on a municipal water supply, you do not need to test the water as the Municipality tests regularly for bacteria," says Atul Jain, manager of environmental health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "However, if you get your water supply from a private well, you need to test the water on a regular basis."

During the spring and summer months, local residents can drop off their well water samples as follows:

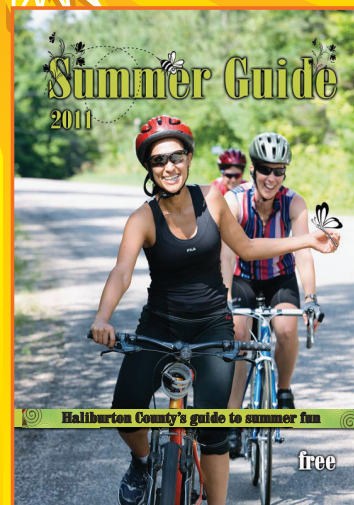
- In Haliburton Village at the health unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday.
- In Wilberforce at the Highlands East municipal office from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday and Wednesday.
- In Minden at the Minden library branch (176 Bobcaygeon Rd.) from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

The well water-testing program is provided free-of-charge by the health unit to private well owners who want to have their drinking water tested for bacteria such as E.coli. The health unit recommends testing well water at least three times per year, including the spring.

"Melting snow and increased amounts of rainfall in the spring can create the potential for flooding," Jain notes.

"Your drinking water supply could become contaminated if the well head is or has been submerged under water." Water-testing bottles and kits are available at each of the three water sample drop-off locations in Haliburton County. Local residents can return the filled water bottle with completed forms, and the health unit will forward the samples to the provincial lab in Peterborough for testing. Private well owners can have the lab results mailed back to them in a few days, or can call a toll-free phone number to get the results sooner. Public health inspectors with the health unit are available to assist local well owners in understanding their test results and making suggestions to correct any problems. They can be reached by calling the health unit office in Haliburton at 705-457-1391.

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Ontario Doors Open 2012 commemorates War of 1812

The 2012 Doors Open Ontario season kicks off in Guelph on April 28. Fifty-seven events across the province comprise this year's program. From April until October, heritage buildings, cultural sites and other interesting venues will be open free of charge for public viewing.

The theme for Doors Open 2012, "Defending a nation," commemorates the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the locations, events and persons connected to the defence of our province and country. Doors Open participants will uncover the stories of early inhabitants who faced invasion during the War of 1812 and learn about other heroic war efforts from the past 200 years. A diverse range of defence-

related sites will be open to visitors, such as battlefields, military fortifications, armouries, armament manufacturing facilities, Legion halls, commemorative monuments and peace gardens.

Five new communities have joined Doors Open this year. Georgian Bay, Quinte West, Algonquin Highlands, Halton Hills and Lambton County are hosting events to tell the stories of their local heritage.

The new Doors Open Ontario website, www.doorsopenontario.on.ca, allows visitors to pinpoint specific site locations and to plan their event itinerary. The site's interactive calendars, "my favourites" folder and social media tools allow visitors to enhance their Doors Open experience.

Trails Open Ontario, part of the Doors Open program, encourages visitors to explore Ontario's 88,000 kilometres of walking, hiking and cycling trails. Participating trails can be discovered in the Doors Open Guide and on the Doors Open website. Call 1-800-ONTARIO (1-800-668-2746) for a free copy of the guide.

Doors Open Ontario 2012 sponsors include: *The Globe and Mail*, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation, the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund and the participating communities.

Visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca for more information about each community.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

(Application AH-ZBA-001/12; Roll No. 46-21-010-000-46200 and 46-21-010-000-46300 Crysedale)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of Algonquin Highlands has received a zoning by-law amendment application regarding the above-noted property and in accordance with Section 34(10.1) and 34(10.2) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 has deemed the application to be complete.

ADDITIONALLY, TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting in relation to the application on **Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario.**

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting is to provide information and receive public input on the Zoning By-law Amendment Application and is held pursuant to Section 34(12) of the *Planning Act*.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the zoning on the proposed severed lot of consent application H-025/11 from the "Shoreline Residential Type Two (SR2) Zone" to the "Shoreline Residential Type Two Exception Twenty-eight (SR2-28) Zone. Exception 28 will recognize the undersized lot area and lot frontage of the severed lot as 0.25 hectares and 40.0 meters respectively.

The effect of the By-law will be to satisfy a condition of consent to allow for the division of the property into two lots, each containing an existing dwelling.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, in support of or in opposition to the proposed By-law.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed By-law, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk/Planning Administrator.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available from the Township Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

DATED at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 11th day of April, 2012.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk/Planning Administrator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
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Concert series coming soon

On Sunday, May 6 we welcome the piano duo Bax and Chung. Lucille Chung performed for the Haliburton Concert Series in 2010, and now she returns with her husband, Alessio Bax, for what we expect will be a fabulous piano duo concert. *Music and Arts*, UK magazine says "theirs is a marriage of wondrous colours and detrous aplomb, subtly balanced to make a musical performance sound as one".

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the trio Triple Forte will perform for us. It is a piano, violin, and cello trio. Jasper Wood, the violinist, and David Jalbert, the pianist, have performed for the Haliburton Concert Series as soloists in past seasons. They return with cellist Yegor Dyachkov for a concert where the three young masters of their craft combine forces to create breathtaking music.

The final concert of our 2012 season will take place on Sunday, Oct. 21, and we are thrilled to welcome LeBlanc and Kortgaard. Pianist Robert Kortgaard has accompanied several perform-

ers in past seasons for the Haliburton Concert Series, and is returning this time with soprano Suzie LeBlanc. Suzie has established an international career specializing in 17th- and 18th-century repertoire, but she is now also known for her expertise in Acadian folk music. We look forward to hearing her many talents in this concert.

All concerts take place in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton Village at 7:30 p.m.

Subscriptions have been selling very well, so be sure to get yours soon so you don't miss out. The amazingly low prices for these concerts are as a result of generous funding by the Ontario Arts Council. The total for three concerts is \$50 for adults, \$25 for students, and \$125 for families. Contact Brenda Robinson at 705-457-2695 or brobinson@interhop.net for tickets.

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Queen's Park

Budget 'much ado about nothing'



Laurie Scott
MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha
Lakes-Brock

This session of the legislature has been one of the busiest and tumultuous in recent years. The revelations that surfaced about the wrong-doings and mismanagement at ORNGE, the province's air ambulance service, have been staggering.

The Auditor-General issued a scathing report of what happened at ORNGE and the government's failure to take action when it was first notified. ORNGE executives were paid exorbitant salaries through shady subsidiaries, in order to avoid Ontario's public reporting requirements. It would appear that millions of taxpayer dollars have been squandered.

We will continue to push for a thorough investigation of this matter.

Even before the budget was announced, the premier and the finance minister took aim at Ontario's horseracing industry by announcing that the "slots at racetracks program would be terminated.

Despite government claims to the contrary, this

has never been a subsidy of the racing industry but a partnership that strongly benefits both the industry and the government.

The lack of slot revenues will be a devastating blow to racing. As many as 60,000 jobs in Ontario are dependent on a healthy racing industry.

Again, despite what the Government would have Ontarians believe, we are not just talking about the people who own horses. We are talking about trainers, groomers, veterinarians, feed growers and retailers, and so on.

My PC Caucus colleagues and I are fighting this decision in partnership with the NDP and recently many of us participated in a horse racing protest at Queen's Park.

The budget was, in my view, "Much ado about nothing!" Finance Minister Duncan virtually ignored most of the recommendations presented in the Drummond Report, which engaged the services of one of Canada's top economists, and was commissioned by this very government, which has chosen not to pursue his recommendations.

The budget fails to take the decisive action, which is necessary to stop this runaway spending train, which is rushing towards a \$30 billion deficit and \$411 billion debt.

Instead of proposing a legislated public sector wage freeze, which my party has been advocating for over a year, Finance Minister Duncan offered "consultations" with the public sector unions. That isn't good enough.

Nor is the fact that spending over the next year will actually increase for 14 of 26 ministries. That is shameful.

This budget did nothing to deal with job creation,

apprenticeship reform and spiraling energy costs, which are crippling our economy and driving many of our most vulnerable people out of their homes.

Under the Liberal budget, the deficit will stay the same or actually go up next year. How can anyone claim that this budget makes the "tough choices" which Ontario so desperately needs to turn around our economy and begin the long road back from our humiliating position of being a have-not province, relying on handouts from other provinces?

In fact, Ontario's current deficit is three times larger than the combined deficit of the other nine provinces.

This government has been missing in action. Ontario deserves better.



POETRY MONTH CELEBRATION Live Poets Reading

Wed., April 18, 2012 at 7pm

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Movie List

10:00 am PINK RIBBONS, INC.
The "corporatization" of breast cancer.

**1:00 pm WEST WIND:
THE VISION OF TOM THOMSON**
The mystery, the nature, and never before seen works of art.

3:00 pm THE GUANTANAMO TRAP
A provocative study of humanity and democracy.



7:00 LABOUR OF LOVE
A 44 year old Huntsville woman cycles across America.
(R, nudity, language)

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Thursday, June 14/12: THE ARTIST (To be confirmed)

Saturday, May 5/12: Doc(k) Day - documentary film festival

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sports

Recruiting seniors

Gravenhurst senior athlete Bruce Stephenson, left and out of frame, places the Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) sticker on District 11 teammate Lynne Briden and Bernice Sopher during the OSGA open house at the Haliburton Curling Club on Wednesday, April 4. Registration is still open for the Haliburton Senior Games on April 29, which is a qualifier for the provincials in Brampton. This year's Canadian Senior Games will be held in Sydney, N.S. from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1.
Darren Lum Staff



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community calendar

What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

April 17: HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am -12, OEYC 83 Maple Ave. MINDEN April 18, 10 am- 12 OEYC 144 Bobcaygeon Rd. Parents with children – 6 yrs can meet with a Public Health Nurse. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

April 19: The Canadian Federation of University Women invite all women in the county to join us for our monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the Haliburton Forest Cookhouse at 12:00 for lunch

April 28: The Haliburton County Snowmobile Assoc. is having thier AGM at Sandy Lane Resort, Highway 35 North of Carnarvon at 10am Everyone Welcome

April 28: SIRCH Hike for Hospice Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. **100% of funds raised stay in our community!**

WANTED: Volunteers / Members for a grass-root organization in Halibuton area focused on Property Rights and Personal Freedoms. Call Brad: 705-448-9936

• **Welcome to TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)** Monday Mornings located at Community Care weigh in begins at 9:30a.m. Short meeting after call Don or Mary Jane at 705-447-2420

• **Community Care Haliburton County Social Recreation** (in the drop-in centre) Wii games – Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – noon Contract Bridge – Monday 1-4 p.m. Cribbage – Fridays 1 – 4 p.m. For any additional information call 705-457-2941 Ext. 226

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **The Haliburton Highland's Rug Hookers** meet every other Monday at the Minden Legion from 10-2. Learn traditional rug hooking or bring an ongoing project. Call Linda 705-447-1169 or Peggy 705-286-3387

• **Help to Preserve our History** with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

• **Minden Food Bank** is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca Thanks in advance for your assistance.

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

• **SMART** Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together is a safe, gentle exercise program to maintain strength, balance and flexibility. \$2 per session. In Minden Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Hyland Crest auditorium. Thursdays in Haliburton at Echo Hills at 1:00pm. To register call Carol at 705-286-2500 ext. 265 or Melanie Therrien (VON) at 800-743-6255 ex 6451.

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit www.toastmasters.org

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Junior badminton team travels to Fenelon

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's HHSS class

Tuesday, April 3

The senior badminton team had a great day at the Kawartha qualifying tournament held at Crestwood Secondary School. Results are as follows:

- 1st Place - Darcy Schmidt (men's singles)
- 1st Place - Andrew Murray and Brett Yake (men's doubles)
- 1st Place - Jaimie Dack and Bin Chun (mixed doubles)
- 1st Place - Jessica Duchene and Sandy Griffith (ladies' doubles)
- 2nd Place - Grace Diezel and Jessica Bishop (ladies' doubles)
- 4th Place - Tanner Hamilton and Tanner Ballantyne (men's doubles)
- 4th Place - Tammy Everitt and Michael Nelson (mixed doubles)

Wednesday, April 4

The junior badminton team travelled to Fenelon Falls where quality competition made for some very close matches. Qualifying for next week's Kawartha tournament were:

- Tom Paul - 1st Boys' singles
- Nick Thompson and Stan Riley - 2nd boys' doubles
- Matt O'Reilly and Hunter Bishop - 4th boys' doubles

2011/12 Second Schedule League and Playoff winners

Photos submitted by Bert Kennedy



Monday evening ladies league winners. From left, Jane Boyd, skip, Donna Wright, lead, Holly Droderick, vice and Debbie Comer, second (absent)



Thursday evening mixed league winners. From left, Bruce Fisher, skip, Carol Alain, vice (absent), Ed Coperland, second, and Mary Copeland, lead.



Thursday evening mixed playoff B winners. From left, Ed Copeland, second, Mary Copeland, lead, Patti Prentice, vice and Paul Prentice, skip.



Thursday evening mixed playoff A winners. From left, Dave Warren, second, Judy Warren, lead, Pat Woodcroft, vice, and Dave McKay, skip.



Monday evening ladies playoff A winners. From left, Judy Price, lead, Mary Copeland, second, Carol Alain, vice, Patti Goreski



Friday evening mixed playoff B winners. From left, Bert Kennedy, second, Jayne Kennedy, lead, Winn Taylor, vice and Richard Hansen, skip.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held

**MONDAY APRIL 30,
1 p.m. at**

**The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre
York Street in Haliburton**

- Financial Report
- Report From the President
- Update on the 2012 season
- Election of Members of the Board of Directors

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Only candidates selected to be interviewed will be contacted.

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Congratulations, curlers

Photos submitted
by Bert Kennedy



Tuesday evening men's league winners. From left, Doug Brown, lead, Len Goreski, second, Tony Taylor, vice, and Steve Robson, skip.



Tuesday evening men's playoff C winners. From left, Kent Taylor, skip, Rick Denyer, vice, Steve Upshall, second, and Rick Wtaker, lead.



Tuesday evening men's playoff A winners. From left, Scotty Boyd, skip. Bruce Fisher, vice, Tyler Warham, lead, and Royce Miller, second.



Tuesday evening men's playoff B winners. From left, Alf Trotter, second, Peter Jennings, vice, Dave Pentney, lead, and Dwight Thomas, skip.

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Join the community celebration April 12



Gina Atkinson
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There's a community celebration at the Minden Community Centre this Thursday, April 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. As you all know by now the County Swimming Pool Initiative has been working extremely hard to get this project going. It will be a tremendous boost for our community, certainly to be used by residents of all ages!

Anyway, this is an invitation to media and all of us to join the Committee to celebrate the progress made in this venture.

The County Swimming Pool Initiative has news to share so please try and attend this very important meeting this Thursday morning. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is scheduled to make a presentation to the committee from the Ontario Trillium Foundation; also taking part is Patti Tallman, community economic development operations manager from Haliburton County Development Corporation. There will also be various speakers on hand to address the needs and benefits to the commu-

nity of such a facility. Light refreshments will be served.

Be part of our community – show up and hear the good news regarding the pool and recreation centre study."

This Easter Sunday was different for me; I actually attended an Easter service. It was the first time in my life that I took part in this very informal experience. Of course I procrastinated about this since Sunday was also the Easter trek to my Ma's for our family brunch. Anyway, since I was up early I did go to Twelve Mile Beach across from the Twelve Mile Lake Church and joined the Zion Church for their sunrise service at 7 a.m. There was a circle of my neighbours surrounding a little campfire in the middle. We read some Easter prayers and some songs were sung. It was a pleasant experience and the sun did rise and the lake was beautiful. How much closer to heaven can you get?

Afterwards we all went back to the Zion Church and enjoyed some refreshments. I did have to leave before the Easter church service but I do believe I will do this again next year.

OK, I told my Ma that sometimes I write about her in my column – I think it went to her head. Ma had actually hand written the menu for the brunch for me to read, unfortunately it was written in Italian which I have limited capacity for reading. Ma never had an education; the only education was working on the farm. She does know how to read and

write in Italian but can't write in English, so upon reading her list I came upon "mito bole" which you can probably guess what that is. If you can't it's her spelling of meatballs.

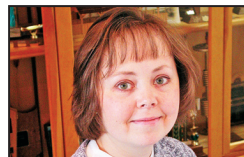
Everything she serves is prepared personally and through the years there have been many experiments where she has modified and re-modified her traditional recipes – some of them unrecognizable of the original recipes. She was up around midnight cooking for 18 people and as usual making too much and really tired by the afternoon.

We have learned through the years not to buy my Ma flowers or chocolates, the absolute perfect gift for her would be a gift basket with wine, garlic and olive oil. Taking her out for dinner is impossible! Seriously! On the other side of the coin her gifts to us are not frivolous but well thought out practical gifts – for example, frying pans, detergent, and a year's supply of pasta – you get the picture? Anyways Ma is Ma and at 86 years of age isn't going to change.

Carl Dixon tickets are still available! Yes, you still have time to get yours and come out this Saturday night for a good time. Carl was a member of the Guess Who, April Wine and Coney Hatch. Tickets for the show are available at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant 705-489-4216 or by contacting me either at 705-489-2008 or by email pinereflections@sympatico.ca.

Have a great week!

Dorset Community Choir meets April 16



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival Wrap Up Party for volunteers and sponsors takes place on Friday, April 13 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 6 p.m. For more information or to reserve, please call 705-766-9968.

This is one last plug for the wilderness and remote first aid course taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre this Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. For more information, contact the Algonquin Highlands trails department at trails@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9033.

Dorset Community Choir meets at the Dorset Recreation Centre on the first and third Monday of the month from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The next get together is on Monday, April 16 and all are welcome. Call Susan at 705-766-1973 for more information.

The next Muskoka Seniors friendship luncheon at the Dorset Seniors Club on Highway 117 takes place on Thursday, April 19 starting at noon with a maple syrup theme including the colours orange, gold and yellow. All adults ages 60 plus are welcome and the cost is \$8. Application with Muskoka Seniors and reservations are required. For more information contact program coordinator Anzie at 705-789-6676, extension 27.

Muskoka Seniors would like to invite local Dorset businesses or artisans as guests and/or sponsors for the friendship luncheons. If you are interested in participating, give Anzie a call.

British novelist George Eliot said "I think I should

have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music."

Fill your life with music at the ninth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20. Come for the walkabout to view the art on display. Music and readings start at 7 p.m. Artists, writers, poets and musicians for 22

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Haliburton and Muskoka area will be showcased and Robinson's General Store will be providing refreshments. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door. The event is open to those 19 years of age and over. If you would like to reserve tickets, please call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

I recently read a helpful hint that I want to try. It said if

you have high mineral content in your water (as so many of us on wells do) unsightly calcium deposits can build up around your faucets and other areas. The mild acid in lemon juice can dissolve the calcium so every time you juice a lemon, rub the squeezed half over the areas. This is supposed to save future scrubbing with abrasive cleaners or chemicals and leave a fresh lemon scent. I'm going to give this one a try. Let me know if it works for you or if you have any other helpful hints that you've tried and want to share.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 8 to 14 go out to Sherri Keown, Bev Robinson, Carol McMullen, Blue Goose, Robbie Drebbitt, Bruce Coulson and Noreen Tracey. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Go green and participate in Earth Day April 22



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse its inhabitants, both two and four legged, are all creatures of habit. Daily routines especially those around meal times and meds once established are followed religiously. Today is Easter Monday and we are all in "recovery mode" after a great weekend with three

families busy comings and goings. Fortunately the weather co-operated so that Ben's Easter egg hunt could be outside along with the dooryard football clinic with Damyan and Emma's university star receiver Chris. Today's plans not only include an afternoon snooze and supper of great turkey and vegetable leftovers but attendance albeit by satellite at the Blue Jays home opener. What could be a more perfect ending than welcoming back "the boys of summer."

Kinmount resident Elizabeth Meszaros sends out appreciation to all those who helped her celebrate a special birthday on April 7 with cards, pictures and other thoughtful contributions to the Memory Book handcrafted by Judy, Bonnie and Janet. Elizabeth, a traditional rug hooker, has been a very involved member of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild and frequently on duty at the Artisans Marketplace. Her particular dedication to the "Bravery Bear" project helped provide a valued supply of comforting teddies to be given out by the staff at the Minden Hospital emergency department.

Getting the itch to go out yard sale shopping? Why not make an early start this Saturday, April 14 at the Coboconk New Horizons Club's yard sale in the Lions Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table rental charge is \$10 and can be arranged by calling Jennie Maud at 705-887-6892.

Welcome the new season at the Spring into Fashion brunch, jewelry and fashion show this Sunday, April 15 at

the Burnt River Centre with doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and available in Fenelon Falls at Handley Lumber or Watson's Village Shop and from the Burnt River Firefighters.

From the Legion branch 441 Kinmount comes the news that the Tuesday lunches will go ahead on a monthly basis. The last Tuesday of each month including this April 24 the menu will feature liver and onions with an alternative hot entrée for those who are not fans of the special. The lunch runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the cost of \$6 includes coffee or tea and dessert.

To avoid disappointment order your tickets early for the very popular annual dinner auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development on Saturday, April 28 at the Galway Hall. Enjoy a full course dinner plus the opportunity to bid on many items at the country, silent, loonie and live auctions. The cost is \$25/person with funds raised going to support many local projects including the beautiful floral baskets and planters that bring so many compliments from our summer visitors. Tickets may be ordered by calling 705-488-2635 and donations of auction items can also be made through that contact number.

Earth Day is quickly approaching. First launched in the United States back in 1970 on Sunday, April 22 Earth Day, a powerful catalyst for change, will be celebrated as the largest environmental event worldwide. To learn more about becoming involved visit www.earthday.ca and get on board.

In the first edition of the *Kinmount Gazette* dated April 1, 2009 readers learned that the origin of the name Kinmount was linked to Kinmount House in Scotland. The 2,000 acre estate had been granted to the Douglas family in the 1700s and in 1812 the fifth Marquis of Queensberry built the present manor house which is now a private hotel. There is actually a Kinmount Corporate Tartan which can be viewed via the internet on www.scotweb.co.uk.

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SAWYER, Devin William - Passed away suddenly at the Hamilton General Hospital on Saturday, April 7, 2012 in his 43rd year. Dear son of Budd and Betty Sawyer of Kitchener, brother of Lisa of Cambridge and Gail of Waterloo. Uncle to Troy, Kenneth, Jessica, Craig and Nicholas. Fondly remembered by many aunts, uncles, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Maple United Church Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Children's Wish Foundation or to the Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Claude Maxwell Fader of Blenheim passed away on Wednesday April 4, 2012. Born 84 years ago to his late parents James and Ethel Fader, Claude and Bernice (Redner) would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2012. Claude and Bernice raised three children; James and Marilyn Fader of Uxbridge, Janice and Dennis DeJaeger of Blenheim and David & Cheryl Fader of Blenheim. He will be missed by his grandchildren Cathy-Jo & Dan Mihalic, Amanda & Lee Schellenberg, Angela & James Burnell, Matthew & Lauri Butzer, Josh & Alecia Butzer, Vicki & Chris Redman, Brian & Emma Fader and Ashley Fader and his great grandchildren Owen, Austin and Brooke Butzer, Emma, Hannah, Hope and Brady Mihalic, Levi Butzer and Josiah Redman. Claude was predeceased by his sister Grace & Charles Morrison and by his brother Harley & Violet Fader. Claude was a kind and caring person, a carpenter by trade and a long time member and supporter of Glad Tidings Community Church. Friends and family gathered at the Blenheim Community Funeral Home, Blenheim Ontario on Friday to show their support to Bernice and her family. A Funeral Service for Claude was held in Glad Tidings Community Church, Blenheim on Saturday April 7, 2012. Interment in Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Minden at a later date. Friends wishing to remember Claude with a memorial donation are asked to consider the Jon McVicar Bursary or the Kidney Foundation. Online condolences for the family and memorial donations may be left at www.blenheimcommunityfuneralhome.com

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Elcome, Shirley Ina

Peacefully on Monday April 2, 2012 at the St. Joseph Health Centre, Toronto. Shirley beloved wife of the late William Elcome. Loving mother of Richard and dear grandmother of Blaine. Fondly remembered great grandmother of Adrienna, Kaitlyn and Liam. Loved sister-in-law of Thelma Sowden.

Shirley was born in Lakeview — Port Credit where she spent many years, then moved to the small village of Minden, Ontario with her husband Bill. She will be sadly missed and always loved.

Mrs. Elcome is resting at the funeral home of Skinner & Middlebrook Ltd., 128 Lakeshore Rd E (1 block west of Hurontario St) Mississauga on Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm. Funeral service in the chapel Thursday April 5, 2012 at 1 pm. Interment Springcreek Cemetery to follow.

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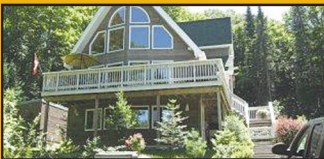
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Kennisis - Breathtaking! \$419,000

- Furnished 3 bdrm, den, Laundry
- Lg wrap deck. Convert to Yr Rd
- Garage/small studio/Bunkie
- 161 ft Majestic Point private lot, level

Gloria Carmochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Walk to the Beach! \$144,900

- 3 bdrm home with big back yard
- New flooring, bathroom upgrades, m/f laundry
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Walking distance to Pine Lake public beach

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



5 Lake Kashagawigamog Chain \$365,000

- 254 ft. frontage, well treed, great privacy
- Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
- Super location, minutes to town
- Old log cottage with lots of charm

John Hincks 286-2138 x 50



Minden Country Home \$209,000

- Private 6.8 acres backs onto Rail Trail
- 3 Bedroom home with 2 baths
- New kitchen and updated baths
- 10 mins to Minden/close to Haliburton

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



3 Lake Chain! \$219,000

- 3 bed, 4 season cottage on a 3 lake chain
- Level lot, easy year round access.
- Sand shoreline with large dock
- Partial basement with laundry facilities

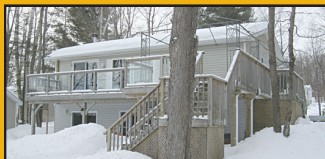
David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Bungalow Between Minden & Haliburton \$169,000

- Recently Renovated 2 Bdrm. Home
- Energy Audit Completed
- Attached Garage and Detached Workshop
- 2.32 acres, Year Round Access

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



South Lake Home/Cottage \$349,000

- 3 BR Open Concept, MF laundry, lg deck
- Full fin bsmt; w/o; sunroom & hot tub
- Woodstove with stone finishing; air cond.
- Private, level lot; dbl det garage; great view

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24



Anson Street 144,000

- 3 BR bung on a level lot walking to downtown
- New roof & windows '08 new ceramic and laminate
- The kitchen/family/dining rms face the sunny south
- Great potential here priced to sell

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Hunter Creek Estates \$112,000

- Comfortable 2 Bedroom home
- Bright & spacious with Sunroom
- Paved drive with garage & workshop
- Land lease incl. gbg p/u & snow removal

Tom Gardner 286-2138 x 30



Boshkung Lake \$369,000

- Classic Cottage with large stone fireplace
- 3 bedrooms, 4 piece bath
- 148 feet of waterfront
- Big lake boating on 3 lake chain

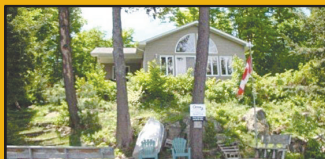
Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Soyers Lk Executive Cottage/Home \$899,900

- 200' shoreline on prestigious 5-lake chain
- 4BR, 2 bath full walkout basement
- Huge great room with stunning lake view
- Great privacy, year round road access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Stormy Lake \$499,000

- 3 bdrm. 2300 sq. ft. Rural Retreat on level lot
- 1+ acre of superb privacy, with easy yr. rnd. access
- 165 ft. panoramic & picturesque south-west view
- Hardwood floors, sunroom, lg. lakeside decks

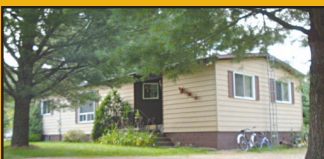
Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58



Handy Man Project \$79,900

- Great potential for the handyman
- 1/2 acre quiet country lot
- Close to Haliburton or Minden
- Great garage with loft

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Excellent Value! \$164,900

- Corner lot with lovely yard
- 4 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms. Open concept design.
- Close to all Minden has to offer
- Great value family home

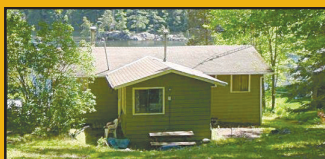
Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Home-in-law-Studio! \$314,900

- REDUCED! 3 + 1 Bdrm home - Cost Efficient!
- 1 + 1 bdrm fully contained in-law apt., Dbl Garage
- Central to Haliburton & Minden off Cty. Rd. 21
- Basement studio or 1400 sq. ft extra living space!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



Traditional Cottage Experience \$329,000

- Bob Lake, year round access, incredible views
- Furnished, great boating and fishing, 3 bedrooms
- New septic and dock, deep water swimming, classic
- Call the listing agent for full details

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Trooper Lake Cottage \$324,900

- Waterfront Cottage - Southern Exposure
- 3 Bedrooms & Bunkie - Many upgrades
- New Kitchen & New Roof In 2009
- Sandy Shoreline, all day sun... Come and See!

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Welcome Home \$189,900

- Immaculate 4BR, 2 bath home
- Full walkout lower level
- Large private country lot, well treed
- Convenient location between Haliburton & Minden

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 28



5 Lake Chain! \$479,000

- Waterfront home with easy year round access
- Full finished basement with w/o
- Maintenance free siding
- Amazing view and close to town

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Haliburton Lk Executive Cottage/Home \$749,000

- Stunning open concept, vaulted ceilings, fireplace
- MF master with ensuite, walk-in closet & w/out
- Full fin bsmt; 5 BRs, 3 1/2 baths; Custom Kitchen
- Private flat lot with year round access

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23



Haliburton-by-the-Lake \$238,500

- 4 Bedrooms & 3 Baths; over 3000 sqft.
- Huge 2 car garage; unfin bsmt; MF laundry
- Open concept design with Fireplace & walk out
- Includes common area park by the lake

Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128x 27



Minden Business Opportunity/Investment \$499,900

- Turn-key, well established Restaurant
- 107' seating in approx 3175 Sq Ft/950 Sq Ft Patio
- Leased space (1800 Sq Ft) for additional income;
- Central Air, Satellite TV, Propane FP & Party Rms.

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